第七章 頓挫

!
N-no, wait!!
Tokaze hasn't had this title long, and besides, now he knows he was wron-
會議中
Meeting In Progress
We will release Tokaze of h s title [East Wind God]
This is for news and talking so please feel free to share you feelings!! (sakura '??)
I thought I would take this free space to introduce myself Hi!! I m Goto Seiji

but at the very least
we must have a similar punish ment
Does anyone else agree with my thought?
Because of Takeze we have lost our peaceful standing with the Keiya !!!!
We must put him in his place to show our regret!!
What !?
Are you defending him !??!
Taking away his title won't make it up to the Keiya
Please make a show of hands
Let's decide

It has already been decided
Dismissed !?!??!
The majority speaks. We will have to take his little away
But where will I go?!
This is the only place I can stay !!!
This is all Kaneshi's doing
Additionally you are dismissed for one year
According to the eleventh rule of the wind and lightning gods: the ring (the ring on the male is on the foot and for the female it is on the thumb) will be taken away
The punishment is as follows:

If there are no other complaints, this council meeting is at it's end
As to who will take in Tokaze for his atonement, that will be decided at a later date
Thank you for attending
Kaneshi!!
Please don't!
Kaneshi
Don't turn your back on me !!!
There is something I'd like to speak to you about
yes ...?
Head of the Wards
cough

I swear that I will be an incredible child-fairy !!!!
Everyone says that Mikazuki sensei is a really good person
I'm always serious but adults never seem to believe me
pofft
ぽふっ
What nice weather today !!!
chill
It's been half a year since he took me for a student!
ぽん
pan
pan
But then Mikazuki sensei will have to look up to me then !!!
kya
キャー
chi chill
Oh!! The trial must be finished now !!!
Are you back ?
pete pete
Kosumi ?
But there's no such thing as a child fairy
Every-one treats me like a kid
Always add -chan at the end of my name !!!
pll
I'm growing older !!!

You two need to learn to get along now.
What ?
What ?!
I discussed it with Tokaze and he -
He will stay here ?!
Please no !!!
I took him here
He will be staying here
He is bound to do something bad !!!
Kasumi
Why does he have to live here?!

We're home
Tokaze?!
What are you doing here !?
If you're here to apologize, please don't !!!
I can't forgive you !!

Like a human being?!
He is Like me?
All you have left is your body
You are like a human being
Think about your mistakes and how they can be mended
You will stay here and think about what you did
to find kanashi san ?
yes
kasumi
yes
I m going to take you to the hall of the gods
You don t have anywhere to go So where are you running off too?
!
Nowhere to go ?
ha ?
You can t command your wind or a cloud
And you have been banned from using your powers
I I m gonna go back
I can't forgive him!
Where can you go ??

You've improved
He's getting better and better all the time !!!
He was chosen by the west wind god kanash
To kaze ??
I gonna be a wind god like kanash s
wind god !!
tokaze has been banned ?
tokaze !!
I'm gonna be just like you wind god !!
the last one?
Is my dad !!
Head of Lightning
wow
mm
This person that ev... yone hates...
Just doesn't care anymore...

huh
That's true The person you are now really s not good.
I won't cry!! I won't cry!! Not in front of that bitch!! I won't show her my tears!
You will thank Mikazuki If it weren't for him, you would've suffered even mor
dong
dong
That is someth ng one says when they are a complete failure
If you say that you really are useless
but
really not in good shape now
dong
kanashi
!

It is so d sappoi nting that he did such a thing
thank you Mikazuki !!!
i've impo sed on you
Until you've learned your lesson, you will ont join us in the hall of the gods
But if it were anyone else, then it wouldn't have worked out as well
It affected the village people as well so actually I shouldn't let you do this
Remem- ber in this place you are of lowest ranking
don't forget that
I feel that I should have been expecting someth ng
that's all I have to say for now
ma ybe
You've changed Mikazuk
Even though kasumi objects to th s, I'm gonna let hum stay She can take it as train ng
oh!
But it's not a bad thing that we rescued kasumi
It's good for both of them
even you?

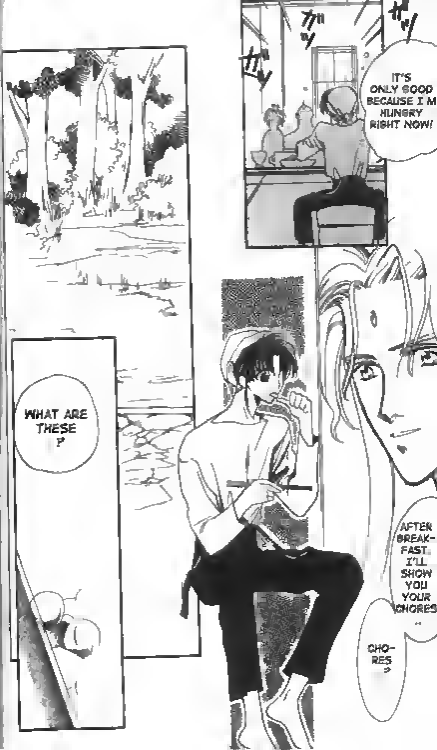
You're no god anymore !!
I'm the youngest of all those gods!
How old are you?!
Hey how old is Tokaze?
Hmm I have no idea actually
I know you're a really good person
Thank you for takmg care of Tokaze
we have another problem
you realize that we are adding fuel to the fire The keiya won't be happy
So, is that why you're helping tokaze ?!
w-what?! N-no!
haha, just kidding !!!
I'm way older than you!
What?! I'm 74 years old!
ふーん?
Even if you are youngest you also set a record for getting kicked out at that age!
...!?...
Older than my grand dad !!!
Tokaze is older than my grand dad!
yeah !!
beat that !!!
74 ?!?
I heard that kanashi s really good at cook ng - You'll teach me RIGHT?
sure

End act seven

第八章 輝度

Ooh!
Good morning
morning
How come he doesn't know anything?
He's already 74 years old!
Let's eat!
You can't run around anymore so it's best to behave!
Is it nice? It's all thanks to Kasumi's cooking skills
I didn't ask you to eat a lot! You can don't eat if you want!
Uhn
It's good!
I can't stand it, having to see her face everyday
ペタペタ
Ohayo Tokaza
Did you sleep well?
ok
チュン チュン
チュン
チュン
チュン

IF WE NEED FOOD ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS ASK THE HUMANS TO BURN THEM FOR THE HEAVENS
BUT WHY?
BEANS.
YOU'RE NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR GROWING THESE.
WHY AM I DOING THIS ?!
SO WE DON'T REALLY NEED TO-
YOU ARE NOT A GUEST YOU ACTUALLY LIVE HERE


WHAT ARE THESE ?
IT'S ONLY GOOD BECAUSE I'M HUNGRY RIGHT NOW!
AFTER BREAK-FAST I'LL SHOW YOU YOUR CHORES
CHO-RES ?

Mikazuki san! Mikazuki san!
The beans that I've planted have sprouted!
Wha...
Good!
It will sprout since it has been planted!
Yeah
Happy?

This place's atmosphere has really changed with Kasumi around
It'll be even more lively since we add in Tokaze
Ha ha ha
What are you laughing for?
Ha ha ha
I think the happiest person is Master Mikazuki yourself!

Tokaza, help Kasumi tidy the house after you finish planting the seeds!
I can't stand it!
And don't you bring the dirt inside.
Take off your shoes!

No
No matter what, the gods are the greatest!
Doesn t Mikazuki san also feels that you are greater than humans? Protecting the human s place?
I hate working
Somehow I feel that the two of us can t have the same view on things
Perhaps I am greater than you are now!
Ha ha ha
Ah, but

But we are the ones who make it rain, so we are the greatest!
We have also recieve offernngs from them often, we really must thank them
This is how humans plant things to make food.
How should I tell you to let you understand
Ah
I don t under stand!
Don t
Beans
Tokaze
You'll understand it in the future
Tokaze
This is not a question of who s greater than who

He's not of the Wind nor Lightening Gods yet he has such strong powers, be must be simlar to the fairies of heaven
He actually blasted a hole in the ground just to help the human escape, jeeze.
It's to let the hostage escape!
It's a very strong spell, it isn't one that ordinary people would know
Mikazuki?
If he is the fairy protecting the area around here
Think about what the girl has said,
How's the repair work on the prison coming on?
It's almost finished!
Eh? The person who saved the girl is not a Wind nor Lightening God, is that true?
Yes, according to the report, the reason why the prison is destroyed is not due to tornado nor lightening strikes.

My thoughts exactly
But Mikazuki is different
Even though it wasn't said,
If there was a power within your grasp, one that could make you the master of the world, who won't want to possess it?
The one who would control the world, is us Keiya, and not the people of Heaven
Fanes are only idiots who know nothing but talk
I agree
There's still a difference even though they all live in the realm of Gods.
So it's not surprising to say that they have more power.
That's the God who lead his people to attack us?
The position of God is far higher than that of Wind and Lightening Gods
But, shouldn't fanes remain impartial?
They should have no reason to attack us?

Don t sweep only the center areas you also have to sweep the corners
Ok ok, quit nagging!
Hm, They seem to be getting along quite well
Seems that I don t have to worry about them after all!
He seems to be working hard
は？

Mikazuki—
You ll regret ever leading the people of Heaven to try to destroy us!

Make sure you work, Tokaze.
W-wait! Kanashi san!!
!!
I can't get on !!
Dam-mit !!
Why did he leave me behind, anyway!?
Get back to work!
I'm not here to see YOU. I've a date with Kasumi
Where are we going, Kanashi san?!
Hey!! Kanashi san!!
Let's go to the south alright?
Okay, sure!!
Watch Tokaze for me Masaya !!
tch!
Don't slack whilst I'm gone!

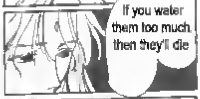
Erm
Kanashi-san, did you come to check on Tokaze?

Hahal In Kaeumi's eyes, he's the worst!
Wouldn't I know?
But I just don't get why Kanashi-san cares so much about him!

There's no way I can do that.

The seeds are all dead!!

It was so difficult just getting them to sprout!


If you water them too much, then they'll die

Please, Mikazuki-san, bring them back to life!
Please can you do it?!

Eh? Didn't you leave with Kanashi ...?
Mikazuki sensei
Did Tokaze really kill some of the people from my village?
When Tokaze led the fight against the Keiya, there were some casualties
I'm sorry I thought you knew ...
Kasumi !!
Damn it.

I'm sorry about that.
I can understand it must've been difficult dealing with the villagers' deaths.
No kidding! He's so annoying!
oh no ...
'Villagers' ... deaths ...?
Were they because of Tokaze ?!
Kanashi san!
What are you talking about!?

You idiot ...
I hate you.
I've finished sweeping.
I'm paying off my debt!
So you hate me now?
Me?
Why is she suddenly so cold...?
So now what?! You wanna fight?! I don't care anymore!
Sure I'm not nice but I still don't like people accusing me of nothing. I hope you get that !!!
I've been shut up here for so long but not a single person has come to visit me.
Is it true ...?
If so
Then why
do both you and Kanashi still care for him?
Why are you so kind to him?!
Ka-sumi !!

What is this ?!
Ah -
These wind pearls were given to me by your beloved Kanashi-san!
ばらっ
ばらっ
It can't be THAT painful right?! Especially compared to the deaths and pain you caused to the villagers!!

What are you doing?!
?!
The one time that I DO see Kanashi san, he does-n't even look at me.
Hmph !!
キーン

If you ever do anything to the villagers again, I'll never forgive you!!
Ay!!
In order to save my village
I was forced to come here.
Why are YOU so angry!?
You're the one who was just with Kanashi-san!!
What a waste of a visit

I don't feel hatred or pity. I just feel that it's disgusting.
It's disgusting
But what you resorted to wasn't right.
But I couldn't think of a better way!
Have you heard never to take your anger out on people?
That's what I feel
No matter the reason, you should not harm another person
I have such little powers
If something should happen to the village, I can only watch
I can't forgive Tokaze
Even if you say that you won't forgive him, it's not in your nature for you to be able to do that.
Eh.. ?
I was thinking the exact same thing as Sensei!
If we just worked a little harder, then nothing like this would happen again
We'll work together
Then it's my fault. Because I failed as the protector of that village

But
...
Go say sorry to Takaze
If Mikazuki sensei says so... I guess
This child is so amazing
What will she be like when she grows older ...?
If you apologize first, then things will work themselves out slowly

Act 9: Visitor

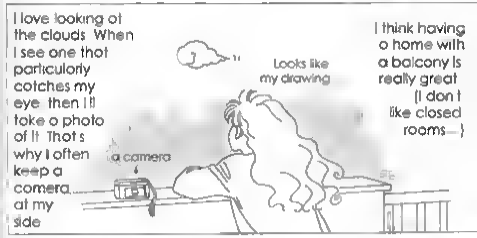
Eh?

Oh no, did it really hurt that much?
Oh—!
Is Tokaze crying...?

"I'm sorry."
No way—

Sensei's advice is usually right.

Solved?
Will Tokaze apologize in turn?
If you apologize first,
Then the problem will be solved.


I love looking at the clouds. When I see one that particularly catches my eye, then I'll take a photo of it. That's why I often keep a camera at my side.
a camera
Looks like my drawing
I think having a home with a balcony is really great. (I don't like closed rooms—)

I guess it was kinda unfair of me before. I'm sorry.
Just let me apply the medicine, okay?
I'm saying I'm sorry!
When I saw that you were safe in the Hall,
I was so relieved.
I'm sorry too
eh..?

Is this what Sensei meant for me to do...?
I'm sorry

Kasumi isn't the ONLY one who's angry about those villagers.
Those who hurt others must accept their punishment.
These seeds are YOUR responsibility.
Well er...
I wonder where Kasumi is
He's going to be criticizing me 24 hours a day
Go do your work.
Hmm
Tell me
Maybe she's gone to make tea
If not, then she's
The reason I'm allowing you to live here is so that you can learn the meaning of responsibility.
What?! He's scaring me!!
So that's how it is... Dammit.
Well...
You're going to have to start from scratch now
The seedlings that were grown are now destroyed
What ?!
I'm an injured person! At least give me some sick leave!
Sensei is really amazing
But Nothing
I hate you
that
also
It worked.
Mikazuki sensei was right.

H-hey !!
Mikazuki's student!!
But I couldn't bring myself to say it...
That time I should have said sorry.
Tokaze's friend ...?
We really do want to visit him!
No one visits him, and I think he's lonely.
But can't you come visit Tokaze?
Maybe his friends can help!!
Yeah, that's how it's going to work.

びゅうううう...
PU!
Because the Hall is so far above the humen world it's going to be diff cult to breathe We better find Kaneshi-san as soon as possible
I see it!
The Gods' Hall!!

Who is making such a racket out here ?!
Who is it?!
Oh ... wow ...
Well in this Hall the most powerful god is the Wind and Thunder General !!
He and Mikazuki-san have the same ranking!
Kasumi ?
Kanashi-san!
What are you doing here?
I came here to ask you something !!

Can you take me to see Kanashi-san ?
Of course.
So are you a human?
Yup!
You're so lucky to be able to become a student of Mikazuki
Really?
Of course!! He's a Kamisen !!
A Kamisen ?
Among the sennin (gods/fairies) a kamisen has the highest ranking! Didn't you know?
Ehhhh -?!
Wow
NO ONE TOLD ME!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
But his powers have been taken from him
so he can no longer even stand on a cloud
And another thing Mikazuki-san has clearly stated to the gods that Takaze is not to have visitors
Eh -?
So this is Mikazuki sensei's doing ..

I want to give him his favorite food but not something too hard to eat
So that's why I should be saying sorry...
Eh!
That must have been painful...
Kanashi-san?
Did you have to return the wind pearls to the village people?
No, it's just that it's okay
Swallowing a few wind pearls won't kill anyone

But...
Actually I wanted to ask you what Tokaze likes to eat best...
No, please don't say that... It wasn't Kanashi-san's fault at all!
I'm sorry about what happened
...I forced the wind pearls that Kanashi-san gave me into his mouth, and now he's injured...
Heh heh... I need to say sorry...
Eh?
To-kaze-?
Why?

Okay !!
If you're ever bored, come talk to me! I'll introduce you to my friends.
Hey! Kasumi!
Help me say hello to Tokaze!!
Byel!
So am I one of the people that Kanashi-san treats so kindly?
I've made a new friend!
Kasumi!
Coming!!
hat hat
hat
Don't worry
But I made him eat 3 wind pearls!!
Ger ?
I'll go get what you asked me for
Eh?
You're still here ??
Yeah, that's true.
Mikazuki sensei said that people shouldn't resort to violence no matter what
FLOAT
Kanashi-san can be so... different !!
What is this word? I'll have to look it up...
Because you can talk to Kanashi-san in that manner!!
Eh ?
Why ?
You are ama-zing!!

It's like eating candy.
And I like candy so
At last he can eat it even when he's injured!!
This is gre-at!
I'm going to take this all home !!
Kas-umi ?
Hmm ?
Yes, it's heavenly food!!
Pak!
IT'S GO-OD !!
And Takaze especially likes to eat this
Okay we're here
?
But we're already friends!
What about me?
Yupl! I didn't think that I would be able to get along with people from the Hall!
Are you ha pp-y?
Clo-uds ...?
So you like it as well, Kan-ashi-san?
This isn't only Takaze's favorite food; it's all the gods' as well.

Yup Because Kanashi-san said you liked to eat it
Tokaze... in this box are some clouds
For me?
I went to the Hall to look for Kanoshi-san.
Must be quite busy
The others
I've told a lie!
Then you must've seen that boy, right?
Oh He knows you can't use your powers so he asked me to say hello for him
That gave me such a shock
Even though I knew he was joking
I'm home!
He still really surprised me
Oh?
Where have you been?
Since it's Kanashi-san
When you grow older will you marry me?
But what about Mikazuki?
Eh
You'd probably choose him over me, right?

Chi?
I'm beginning to understand
And to think it all started with communicating
Tired
Mm
Some days later...
This time it's going to work!

How come?
That's right
Hmm?
Did you have any problems with breathing while you were there?
It used to be very difficult, and I needed to use Sensei's staff in order to breathe with ease
I feel so happy today...
I've another treasure to add in my heart
Ha ha ha
Congratulations for your improvement in magic

Is he working hard?
Just look at his face and you will know
Look!
He drowned the plants with too much water the first time...so now he's more careful
Really...?
What's wrong Kanashi?
Nothing
But sensei seems to be so strict towards him
Hey! Tokaze! That side needs watering too!
I won't rebuke them
Mikazuki's words
Hey! I came over to play!
Mikazuki Sensei... did you bring Tokaze to live with us because you knew he'd change?
But
Someone's personality cannot rely on a single person in order for change
His aura is determined by his own will
All I can do is advise him
Eh?
Tokaze's becoming more mature now
The new sprouts look delicious as well

ビュウウ…
カタカタカタ
Such strange clouds…
You think so?
Why?
This isn't like sensei…
I'm going outside to look at the sprouts!
Then maybe we should use our magic to help him
If we know that Tokaze really IS sincere in his work
No!
Such a large patch of crops can easily be destroyed by the rain
But tonight, there will be a storm
ゴオォ
Mika azuki sensei?
We are going to leave everything as it is

The clouds are so thick
They have covered the sky
If I'd my powers I'd be able to kick them away!
It's raining
WAHI
What is so unusual about a little rain?
It is only a common act of nature
But Kanashi-san came all the way just to tell you about it!
What ?
That's strange !
You are deliberately hurting Tokaze!
But this is untair!
I haven't completely forgiven Tokaze yet

Pl-ea-se
I'm not going to let these seeds be destroyed.
He's so energetic!
This is so stra-nge
Why am I so serious about these plants?
It's all my fault. I can't even control a cloud.
This-
Ah!
mm okay
This is just a bit of rain
After all, I was a wind god!
As soon as this is over, I'm going back to bed!
Here is a water proof cloth
And the clouds I brought you today
Th-ank you

So
Well, maybe
Hmm
I'm going ta work harder!
No matter what the weather humans continue to strive
Work harder!
Is she like that too?
This is...?
What would I do if there was a hurricane?!
Just trying ta keep this cloth down is exhausting me
Humans rely on crops for their living
And then they still offer us their crops to us as sacrifice
Humans aren't like gods. They don't eat clouds
There will be a big harvest this year!
The clouds are dispersing
Fu

Good work
You're putting no lot of effort
Well I...
Eh nothing
Good job
That's the Tokoze I was looking for
When the seeds are fully grown Mikazuki will be the first to taste my work!
Heh heh

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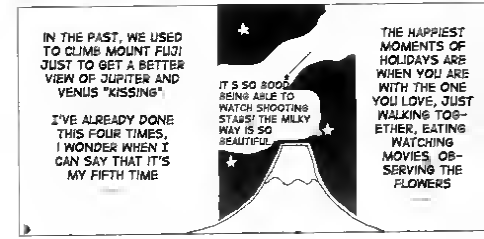
THEY BOTH MUST BE EXHAUSTED, HAVING STAYED AWAKE ALL NIGHT


IN THE PAST, WE USED TO CLIMB MOUNT FUJI JUST TO GET A BETTER VIEW OF JUPITER AND VENUS "KISSING"
I'VE ALREADY DONE THIS FOUR TIMES, I WONDER WHEN I CAN SAY THAT IT'S MY FIFTH TIME
IT'S SO GOOD BEING ABLE TO WATCH SHOOTING STARS! THE MILKY WAY IS SO BEAUTIFUL
THE HAPPIEST MOMENTS OF HOLIDAYS ARE WHEN YOU ARE WITH THE ONE YOU LOVE, JUST WALKING TOGETHER, EATING WATCHING MOVIES, OBSERVING THE FLOWERS

IT'S THE FIRST-TIME I'VE SEEN MIKAZUKI SAMA'S SLEEPING FACE
HIS HAIR IS SO SOFT
IT'S ME!
OH I WAS IN A DEEP SLEEP
WHAT'S WRONG?
I APOLOGIZE FOR SAYING SUCH RUDE THINGS TO YOU!

I SHOULD ALREADY KNOW THAT MIKAZUKI-SAMA IS ALWAYS FAIR.
?
I ONLY 'SEE' WITH MY EYES. AND I SAID ALL THOSE THINGS ...
WHAT YOU SAID LAST NIGHT TO ME WASN'T WRONG.
AND I'M NOT ALWAYS 'FAIR', LIKE YOU SAY.
WHETHER THINGS ARE OR NOT DEPENDS ON WHAT HAPPENS AFTER-WARDS.
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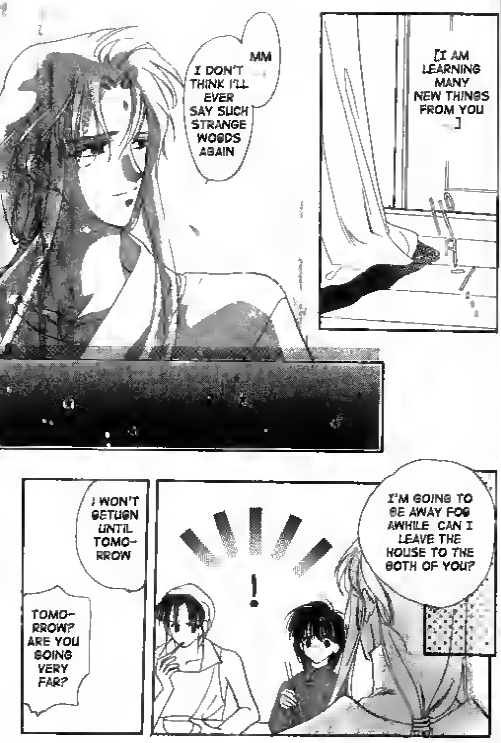
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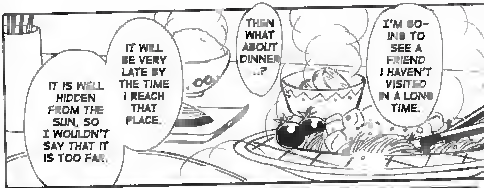
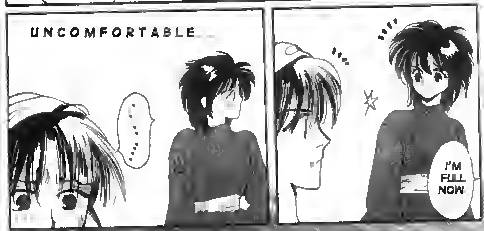
I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER SAY SUCH STRANGE WORDS AGAIN
[I AM LEARNING MANY NEW THINGS FROM YOU]
I WON'T GET UP UNTIL TOMO-RROW
TOMO-RROW? ARE YOU GOING VERY FAR?
!
I'M GOING TO BE AWAY FOR AWHILE. CAN I LEAVE THE HOUSE TO THE BOTH OF YOU?


IT IS WELL HIDDEN FROM THE SUN, SO I WOULDN'T SAY THAT IT IS TOO FAR.
IT WILL BE VERY LATE BY THE TIME I REACH THAT PLACE.
THEN WHAT ABOUT DINNER...?
I'M GOING TO SEE A FRIEND I HAVEN'T VISITED IN A LONG TIME.


UNCOMFORTABLE...
I'M FULL NOW

BOTH TODAY AND YESTERDAY.
THEIR RELATIONSHIP HAS IMPROVED.
I THINK THE TWO OF THEM WILL BE ALRIGHT...

BY THE TIME WE RETURN, THEY SHOULD BE GETTING ALONG JUST FINE...
WHAT?
NOTHING
NO!
*(SHIN) TENSION.
IT'S SO QUIET.
SHOULD I SAY SOMETHING ...?
HOW DO I SAY IT ...?
BUT
YEAH, I CAN THANK HER ...
"THANK YOU FOR THE CLOTH, LAST NIGHT" ... NO, I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO PUT IT!
EH?
KOCHI... YOU WORKED REALLY HARD LAST NIGHT. Y-YOU MUST BE TIRED...
SLEEP
YES!
I'M GOING TO BED TOO.
OK.
NIGHT.
YE-AH.

I FEEL STRANGE LOOKING AT HIS SMILE ALL THE TIME
NORMAL AS EVER
JUST HOW DO I SLEEP ?!
I SLEPT ALL DAY
BECAUSE IT WAS RAINING SO HEAVILY YESTERDAY, THERE IS NOT A CLOUD IN THE SKY. THE MOON IS SO BEAUTIFUL.
I WISH I COULD FLY OUT AND SEE
YE-AH ?
KOC-HI
ARE YOU AWA-KE?
CAN YOU COME HERE ?

THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH AYA
EH?
SHE IS LOSING HER FEATHERS!
SHE WAS LIKE THIS WHEN I CAME IN HERE
SHE WAS ALRIGHT THIS MORNING!!

I'VE LOOKED AT HER, BUT SHE SEEMS TO BE GETTING WO-RSE
WHAT DO I DO ...?
CHI...
WHERE IS SHE IN PAIN??
AYA, AYA!
CHI...
CHI
CHI
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CHI
I DO-N'T KN-OW.
WHAT'S SHE SAY-ING ??

BUT SHE'S YOURS, ISN'T SHE?!
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE PHOENIX LANGUAGE!!
CHI
HOW CAN MIKAZUKI SAMA BE GONE AT A TIME LIKE THIS ...?!
AYA... ARE YOU ALRIGHT ...?
KOCHI WILL AYA DIE ...?
WILL AYA DIE ?!

*ACCORDING TO OUR JAPANESE EXPERT KITTY =) BARASU COULD BE "BALLAST"

IT'S ALL DONE
HAVE YOU SPREAD THE BARASU MINERAL ?
GRAND BIA
THE REVENGE PLOT IS ALREADY UNDER WAY WE'VE COVERED 18 MILES S E OF THE MOUNTAIN
WHEN WE LIGHT THE FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP, THE SMOKE OF THE BARASU WILL RISE
THOSE IDIOTS IN THE CLOUDS WILL HAVE A HELLUVA TIME BREATHING
WHEN THE HEAVENS HAVE NEITHER FRESH AIR NOR WATER, THEY'LL BE FORCED TO LEAVE
WE'LL DO JUST THAT
THE SMOKE WON'T HAVE ANY EFFECT ON US OR THE HUMANS

OH
YES, I UNDER-STAND
I DON'T WANT ANY INJURIES ON OUR SIDE
BUT DON'T OVERDO IT JUST BURN ONE MOUNTAIN
NO, WAIT, OKI-SHIRO!
I WILL COME WITH YOU TOO
I'LL TAKE THE LEAD
IF GRAND GIA MAKES AN APPEARENCE THEN WE'LL SURELY DO THIS SUC-CESSFULLY !!
THANK YOU, SIR!

ABOUT 2 HOURS, GRAND GIA
OKISHIRO, HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR THE SMOKE TO REACH THE CLOUDS ...?
GOOD. IF WE LIGHT IT NOW, THEN WE'LL BE ABLE TO CATCH THEM BEFORE DAWN. IT'LL CAUSE A COMMOTION!
LIGHT IT!!
LIGHT THE FIRE !!
SPREAD OUT!
FINE

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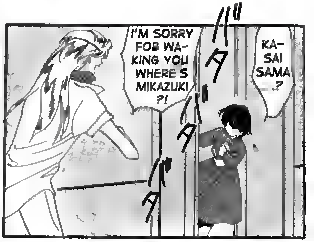
*POU POU...
POK !!
PI PI !!
CHI !

CO-UGH
WHAT IS GO-ING ON...

WHAT'S GOING ON?! WHAT HAPPENED?!
THERE'S A CRISIS, KASAI SAN! THERE'S A FIRE ON THE MOUNTAINS OF THE HUMANS!
MOUNTAIN ON FIRE?
THE MOUNTAIN MUST'VE BEEN COVERED WITH BARASUI!
HOW COULD SUCH AN EXTRAORDINARY THING HAPPEN ?
UGH
STRANGE
COULD IT'VE BEEN THE SIA?
NO ONE PANIC!
FOLLOW THE SOUTH AND NORTH GODS TO SAFETY. THIS PLACE MUST BE EVACUATED!
I'LL GO LOOK FOR THE ORIGIN OF THIS SMOKE
AH! BE CAREFUL!

THERE IT IS
WITH A FIRE THAT MASSIVE, USING WIND WOULD ONLY SPREAD IT FURTHER... BUT THERE IS NO TIME FOR US TO GATHER ALL THE CLOUD AND RAIN GODS HERE!!
WELL
MIKAZUKI! GET OUT, MIKAZUKI!!

HE'S GONE TO VISIT A FRIEND! HE WON'T BE BACK TILL TOMORROW!
WHAT ?! WHERE'D HE GO?!


I'M SORRY FOR WAKING YOU WHERE'S MIKAZUKI ?!
KASAI SAMA ...?

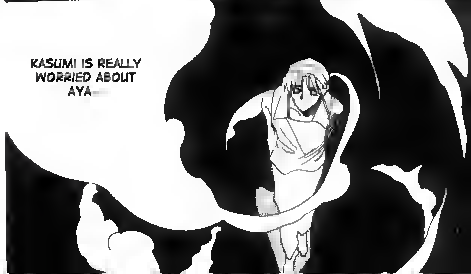
AYA ...?
THEN
WELL, DID HE GIVE ANY CLUE AS TO WHERE HE'S GOING? FOR INSTANCE, THE SOUTH?
!!

THAT'S ENOUGH INFORMATION!
HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE A PLACE HIDDEN FROM THE SUN AND HE'LL BE BACK AT DAWN
KOF

KASUMI?
I... I DON'T KNOW
AYA ...
WILL DIE ...
I WISH MIKAZUKI SAMA WAS HERE ....

KOCHI MUST HAVE BREATHED IN MUCH OF THE BARASU SMOKE HIMSELF...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, KOCHI ? YOU HAVE TO WATCH OVER KASUMI UNTIL I RETURN WITH MIKAZUKI
DON'T WORRY KASAI SAN
KO-CHI
WHAT'S WRONG KASAI SAN ...?

THANK YOU, KASAI-SAN
HIS FACE
WE'LL WAIT


KASUMI IS REALLY WORRIED ABOUT AYA...

I CAN SMELL BARASU...
AND KASAI SAN LOOKS WORRIED. I WONDER WHAT HAS HAPPENED...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, KOCHI ...?
IT'S A GOOD THING IT DOESN'T AFFECT HUMANS ...
I'M FINE
COUGH
KOCHI PLEASE BE STRONG. WAIT FOR MY RETURN
I'LL LOOK FOR HIM ...

KOCHI, BEFORE YOU GO
WHEN WILL MIKAZUKI SAMA RETURN ? AYA IS LOSING SO MANY FEATHERS
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T LEAVE YOU.
AND KASAI-SAN HAS GONE TO SEARCH FOR MIKAZUKI SAN!
HE WAS FINE JUST A MOMENT AGO, THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL DIE SO SOON!
IT'S GONNA BE OKAY !!

MIKAZUKI!
EH ...?
KA-SAI ...?
MIKA-ZUKI! WE HAVE TO RETURN!
MM ...
GO!
I'M GONNA BE STRONG FOR AYA!
THAT'S RIGHT !!
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I'M SORRY FOR INTRUDING !!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, KASAI?
I'LL TELL YOU ON THE WAY!
DO YOU HAVE TO LEAVE NOW ?
MIKAZUKI
BARASU ...?
HOW STRANGE FOR A MOUNTAIN TO BE COINCIDENTALLY COVERED IN IT...
DO YOU THINK THAT ...?
MAYBE
YES. I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS. BUT I'LL CALL ON YOU AGAIN.
TAKE CARE

I WAS NOT! WE MET A WHILE AGO
HA
EVERYONE IS SUFFERING, AND YOU'RE JUST PICKING UP GIRLS
AYA ...?
NOT TO MENTION THAT KASUMI IS WORRIED TO TEARS.
ANY-WAY, WE'VE TO HURRY
WE'VE TO GO AS FAST AS WE CAN
GOOD! EVEN FASTER !!!

THEY ARE ALL BLINDLY FLYING ABOUT, AND ARE IN THE MIDST OF CONFUSION
GOOD GOOD.
EH ?
BUT THE BAKASU IS STILL RISING ....
THE FIRE IS SLOWLY CEASING ....
OKI-SHIRO
HOW ARE THE FAIRIES IN THE HEAV-ENS?

I CAN CAST A MAGICAL SPELL OF CLEAR AIR TO RID OF THE BARASU!
KASAI, YOU CAN CALL ON THE WINDS
I SUPPOSE THIS WOULD BE THE FASTEST WAY—?
IS THAT WHY YOU CAME TO FIND ME—?
THAT'S RIGHT, MIKAZUKI!
EXACTLY
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GO !!

MISSION COMPL-ETED !!
IT'S NO WONDER THAT YOU ARE SO ACCLAIMED ...
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK? WHAT WOULD BE THE REASON FOR YOU TO SEARCH FOR ME NEXT TIME..?
ANYWAY, FROM NOW ON, I'LL ALWAYS BE READY FOR YOU.

KA-SUMI -?
KOCHI ?

AYA!! AYA SEEMS TO BE
MIK-AZUKI SAMA !!
AYA !!
!
THIS IS ..
AYA IS AL-RIGHT
BUT HER FEATH-ERS ..

JUST WATCH ...
EH ?
AYA!
TIRED
NO NO! OF COURSE NOT!
I'M SORRY FOR WORRYING YOU!
AS LONG AS YOU RE OKAY, I'M SO HAPPY!
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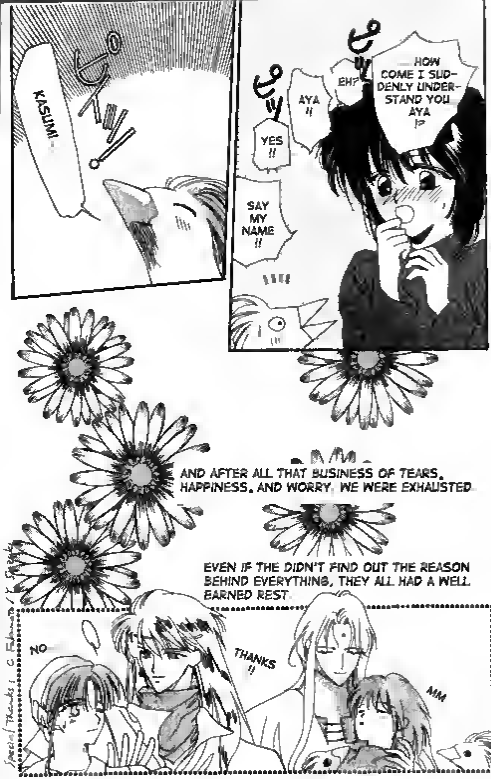
KASUMI
EH?
HOW COME I SUDDENLY UNDERSTAND YOU AYA !?
AYA !!
YES !!
SAY MY NAME !!
AND AFTER ALL THAT BUSINESS OF TEARS, HAPPINESS, AND WORRY, WE WERE EXHAUSTED.
EVEN IF THE DIDN'T FIND OUT THE REASON BEHIND EVERYTHING, THEY ALL HAD A WELL EARNED REST.
NO
THANKS !
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SCANLATED BY SAKURA
FOR SAKURA-CRISIS.NET

UNJYO ROKAKU KIDAN [EXTRA]!!

I SH-OULD GO BACK
IT'S HOT
PERFECTLY CLOUDLESS SKY--
IN SUCH WEAT-HER, I SHOULD USE A CLOUD TO GO HOME
I DON'T FEEL TOO WELL
HA...

A HU-MAN!
HM ...?
HEY! ARE YOU ALRIGHT ...?
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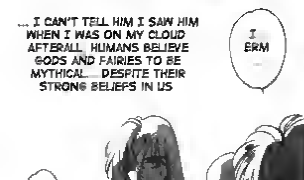
SUI-CIDE ?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THIS DESERT !?
BUT THERE WASN'T ANYONE FOR MILES... I MUST HAVE SLEPT FOR A VERY LONG TIME ....
A HU-MAN CHILD ...?
IF YOU WEAR BLACK ON SUCH A HOT DAY, OF COURSE YOU'LL PASS OUT !!

*THIS IS A TRADITIONAL CHINESE CUSTOM WHERE PEOPLE VISIT GRAVES ANNUALLY. TODAY WE NO LONGER TIE IN THEM SINCE WE HAVE CONCRETE, ETC ... BUT IN THOSE DAYS, IT WAS CUSTOMARY. -S.KUR.
THE GRAVE ?! WHERE ?
I CAME TO SWEEP THE GRAVE *
IT'S SLOWLY BEEN WASHED AWAY BY SAND ...
THINGS CHANGE WITH TIME. IT HAS BEEN A FEW HUNDRED YEARS NOW, AND THIS GRAVE HAS GRADUALLY MOVED FURTHER INTO THE DESERT.

ME...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?


... I CAN'T TELL HIM I SAW HIM WHEN I WAS ON MY CLOUD AFTERALL. HUMANS BELIEVE GODS AND FAIRIES TO BE MYTHICAL... DESPITE THEIR STRONG BELIEFS IN US
I ERM...
I'M TAKING A WALK...

IF ONLY THIS CHILD WASN'T HERE, I COULD PERHAPS CALL A CLOUD...
IT'S TOO HOT...

WHAT A STRANGE CHILD...

SO DO YOU LIVE IN THIS DESERT...?
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FEW HUNDRED YEARS...? WHY WOULD SUCH A YOUNG PERSON VISIT A GRAVE FROM THAT MANY GENERATIONS AGO...?
215 YEARS OLD

I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE NEAREST VILLAGE, ALRIGHT ??
BUT IF HE SEES I'M A SENNIN, THEN HE'LL BE FRIGHTENED
SOMEHOW I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO SAY [IF ONLY YOU WEREN'T HERE]
B-BUT, IF YOU'RE WITH ME, THEN...
YOU DON'T LOOK TOO GOOD
BESIDES, THE WAY YOU'RE DRESSED YOU COULD GET A SUN STROKE!
EH?
PAK !!
WHAT'S WRONG ...?

W-WHAT?
DOESN'T MY SMILE SEEM LIKE THE WIND?
WHAT A COINCI-DENCE
OKAY, LET'S GO!!

WE REALLY ARE WALKING
HA
HA
HA
HA
HEY! ARE YOU ALRIGHT ?!
Y- YES
I CAN'T TAKE THIS HEAT MUCH LONGER EITHER SHOULD I CALL FOR WIND ...?
T- THANK YOU
HERE, I'LL TAKE YOU IN THE SHADOW OF THE HILLS!

LOOK!!
A CLOUD !!
I HAVE TO CALL THAT CLOUD!! THEN I CAN LEAVE!
BUT ...
W-WHAT'S WRONG ...?
... NO-THING ...

SHI ...
BUT UNDER THESE KIND OF CIRCUMSTANCES, I CAN'T JUST CALL THAT CLOUD AND LEAVE ...
HERE, USE THIS TO COVER YOUR HEAD IT MIGHT HELP
I'M FINE, BUT IT'S YOU I'M WORRI-
!!
WHY DON'T YOU HAVE SHOES ?!
HOW COME ?!

IT CAN T BE HELPED AND I'VE ALREADY GOTTEN USED TO THE PAIN BUT IF ONLY I COULD CONTINUE WALKING
HERE!! TAKE MY SHOES!!
I-IT'S OKAY !!
HOW CAN YOU COME INTO THE DESERT WITHOUT SHOES?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
IF YOU DO THIS YOUR FEET WILL BE BURNED!
YOU CAN'T TAKE THIS MUCH LONGER ...
AND YOUR FACE IS TURNING PALE ...!

WHITE CLOUD
COME NOW !!
COME DOWN !!
PLEASE GET ON!
I'LL HELP YOU UP !!
EH..?

OUCH !!
... A LOT BETTER THAN BEFORE ...
HOW DO YOU FEEL?
THIS MEDICINE SHOULD BE QUITE EFFECT-IVE.
PUT YOUR FEET ON THE CLOUD
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SPOKEN TO A SENNIN I FEEL HONORED!
YOU DID TOO!
OOO
AND JUST NOW, YOU CALLED THAT CLOUD
SENNIN USUALLY DRESS IN BLACK

I'M THE GUARDIAN OF THE NEARBY VILLAGE, MIKAZUKI
PLEASED TO MEET YOU
FOR HELPING ME EVEN WHEN IT INJURED YOU.
THANK YOU
WHAT FOR?
YOU'RE INNOCENT AND KIND ...
KANASHI
WHEN YOU GROW OLDER I KNOW YOU'LL BE AN AMAZING PERSON
I'M KANASHI, WIND GOD OF THE HEAVENS!

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